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**Re: A/T Approval of Ballard Mine Cover Material Exploration Work Plan, Draft Final
Revision 1, March 2016**

Dear Ms. Prickett,

The Agencies and Tribes (A/T) have reviewed the above referenced deliverable, as well as responses to comments on an earlier draft, submitted pursuant to the Administrative Settlement Agreement and Order on Consent/Consent Order for Performance of Remedial Investigation and Feasibility Study at the Enoch, Henry, and Ballard Mine Sites in Southeastern Idaho (or 2009 AOC). The revised document adequately responds to earlier comments and is approved. Please note that this approval is for characterization and related activities described in the work plan, and does not approve or address proposed cleanup levels or cover design specifications.

Please proceed with issuing a final version and distribute to the agencies and tribes. Please contact me if you have questions. I can be reached at 208-378-5763 or electronically at tomten.dave@epa.gov.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure

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